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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON URBAN CONCERNS

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1. WE DO NOT CONCUR WITH SWEDISH SUGGESTION THAT URBAN
CONCERNS WORKING GROUP BE PLACED WITHIN MANDATE OF INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY 6. AD HOC GROUP HAS BEEN CONCEIVED
AS RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL BODY (WITH A LIMITED LIFE SPAN)

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OPERATING UNDER DIRECTION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WHOSE
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WOULD BE TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE CURRENT
WORK ON URBAN PROBLEMS NOW BEING PERFORMED BY SEVERAL OECD
COMMITTEES AND MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE
SUBSTANCE AND COORDINATION OF A FUTURE OVERALL WORK PRO-
GRAM. PLACING AD HOC GROUP WITHIN WP 6 OF INDUSTRY COMMIT-
TEE WOULD NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH THESE GOALS. WE DO

NOTE THAT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THOSE COMMITTEES NOTED IN US PAPER AS HAVING WORKED ON URBAN POLICY MATTERS AND WE WOULD EXPECT ITS MEMBERS AS WELL AS OTHER COMMITTEES WITH URBAN INTERESTS (SUCH AS THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE) TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE PROPOSED AD HOC GROUP.

2. WHILE WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SWEDISH DESIRE TO INCREASE THE OECD'S EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL PLANNING MATTERS

E BELIEVE THAT ANY REGIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PROPOSED AD HOC WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE EXAMINED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE ROLE OF THE URBAN AREA WITHIN THE LARGER REGION. TEXT OF SWEDISH NOTE PROVIDED REFTEL SUGGESTS THAT SWEDES MAY WISH TO GIVE PRIMARY OR EQUAL EMPHASIS TO REGIONAL POLICY QUESTIONS AS CONTRASTED TO PURELY URBAN CONCERNS. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE, WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO SUCH A SWEEPING CHANGE OF EMPHASIS. CHRISTOPHER

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